

8th May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

As part of our duty to safeguard our pupils and in light of recent incidents involving knife crime in the surrounding area, we feel it is essential to provide our students with a deeper understanding of the serious and often tragic consequences that can result from such violence.

We have arranged for a powerful and thought-provoking presentation to be delivered by *'The JJ Effect'*, an organisation dedicated to raising awareness about the impact of knife crime. The presentation will be delivered to students in Years 9 and 10, along with a small, selected group of pupils from Years 7 and 8, whom we believe would particularly benefit from this important message.

Please be aware that the presentation is intentionally hard-hitting and includes some graphic imagery and real-life accounts. This approach is designed to help students understand the serious dangers and consequences of knife crime, encouraging them to make informed and responsible choices. **We encourage parents to follow up with their child after the workshop to discuss what was presented and help them process the information in a supportive environment.**

We strongly encourage you to visit the organisation's website at <https://thejjeffect.org/> for more information about the nature and purpose of the presentation.

If you have any concerns or would prefer your child not to take part in the session, please contact the school by Thursday 5th June, so that we can make alternative arrangements. The presentation will take place on the following day, Friday 6th June 2025.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our students informed and safe.

Yours sincerely,

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